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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—115) Pages S4463, S4474–75, S4527, S4529

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 29, adjourned at 1:26 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005, until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4607.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BIOTERRORISM & PROJECT BIOSHIELD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine bioterrorism and Project BioShield, which is a comprehensive effort to develop and make available modern, effective drugs and vaccines to protect against attack by biological and chemical weapons or other dangerous pathogens, after receiving testimony from Penrose Albright, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology Directorate; Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Public Health Emergency Preparedness; David Franz, Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, Missouri; Leighton Read, Alloy Ventures, Palo Alto, California; and John Clerici, McKenna Long and Aldridge, Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine defense intelligence in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 741 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 242, to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas, S.

262, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California, S. 336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail, S. 670, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 777, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore, after receiving testimony from Senator Sarbanes; Representative Walter B. Jones; Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Felicia Lowe, Angel Island Immigration Station Board, San Francisco, California; and Patrick F. Noonan, The Conservation Fund, Arlington, Virginia.

BUILDING ASSETS AMONG LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held a hearing to examine building assets for low-income families, including the Institute for Social and Economic Development (ISED), using the private pension system and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's), and increasing savings, receiving testimony from Michelle Simmons, Norristown, Pennsylvania, and Dorothy Beale, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, both of the Women's Opportunity Resource Center; Charles M. Palmer, Institute for Social and Economic Development, Des Moines, Iowa; Victoria Gonzalez-Rubio, Delmar-Harvard Elementary School, University City, Missouri; Ric Edelman, Edelman Financial Services, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; Bernard M. Wilson, H&R Block, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Outreach and Business Development; Michael Sherraden, Washington University Center for Social Development, St. Louis, Missouri; Trina R. Williams Shanks, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor; Fred T. Goldberg, Jr., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, LLP, Ray Boshara, New America Foundation, David C. John, The Heritage Foundation, and J. Mark Iwry, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

DEFENSE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense business practices, focusing on fiscal trends that prompt questions about the affordability and sustainability of the rate of growth in defense spending, business management challenges that DOD needs to address to successfully transform its business operations, and key elements for achievements of reforms, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Bradley M. Berkson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine access and accountability relating to providing quality post-secondary education, focusing on the Federal government's role in making post-secondary education financially available for Americans, after receiving testimony from Kati Haycock, Education Trust, Washington, D.C.; Brian Bosworth, FutureWorks, Arlington, Massachusetts; Robert M. Shireman, The Institute for College Access and Success, Inc., Berkeley, California; Phillip F. Van Horn, Wyoming Student Loan Corporation, and Western States Learning Corporation, Cheyenne; and Trinity Thorpe, Malibu, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began markup of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete consideration thereon, and recessed subject to call.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security to examine the use of technology to strengthen border security between the Ports of Entry, focusing on the operations and law enforcement initiatives of the Office of Border Patrol, after receiving testimony from David Aguilar, Chief, Office of Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Kirk Evans, Director, Mission Support Office, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, Science and Technology Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 90 public bills, H.R. 1950–2039; 1 private bill, H.R. 2040; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res 46; H. Con. Res. 141, and H. Res. 249–252, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 (H. Rept. 109–62);

H. Res. 248, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising ap-

propriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 (H. Rept. 109–63);

H.R. 1036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges (H. Rept. 109–64);

H.R. 1544, to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, amended (H. Rept. 109–65), and H.R. 22, to reform the postal laws of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 109–66, Pt. I).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Ivan N. Raley, Pastor, First Baptist Church in Byrdstown, Tennessee.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 345 yeas to 75 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 148.

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